ARCTIC ANIMALS

I set my book in Northern Canada. I wanted my animals to be like a lost tribe where magical things could take place. I dressed them in trade cloth and was inspired by First People’s designs, especially Porcupine Quill Embroidery. In the wild these animals would be predators and prey! In my book though, they are friends and they have their own Animal Santa. Look on the next page to find a Christmas card I made for you. Take it to a copy shop and have cards printed or simply fold the page in half to have a back and front.

In order to camouflage themselves in winter and in summer the Arctic Fox and Snowshoe Hare change their coats. The Arctic Fox’s warm fur enables it to live in extreme cold, 50° below zero. It uses its tail to cover its face like a big scarf.

The Snowshoe Hare can leap on top of deep snowdrifts without sinking because its hind feet are extra, extra large and furry.

Fun fact: A young hare is called a Leveret

I’m Hedgie, Jan’s muse; A Hedgehog is a different animal family than a porcupine, even though we both have prickles.